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**From:** Grantham, Nancy  
**Sent:** Wed 1/25/2017 4:25:45 PM  
**Subject:** RE: standard reply to inquires about media pause

Got it ..

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**Sent:** Friday, January 27, 2017 4:17 PM  
**To:** Sowell, Sarah  
**Cc:** Nancy Grantham (grantham.nancy@epa.gov)  
**Subject:** Final Mass Mailer  
**Attachments:** Acting Administrator mass mailer #2 RE transition\_Jan 27 2017.docx

Sarah,  
Here is the final to send out as soon as possible today. - George

1/27/17 FINAL

Mass Mailer from Acting Administrator Catherine McCabe

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From: MassMailer  
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**Cc:** Legare, Pamela; Vizian, Donna; Showman, John  
**Subject:** Temporary Suspension of Contract and Grant Awards  
**Date:** Friday, January 20, 2017 3:17:05 PM

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Good Afternoon OAM Division Directors and Regional Acquisition Managers,

Donna Vizian has informed me that the new EPA administration has asked that all contract and grant awards be temporarily suspended, effective immediately. Until we receive further clarification, which we hope to have soon, please construe this to include task orders and work assignments. I will keep you informed as new direction is received.

-Kimberly Y. Patrick, Director  
EPA Office of Acquisition Management





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**Cc:** Ericksen, Doug[ericksen.doug@epa.gov]  
**From:** Konkus, John  
**Sent:** Sun 2/5/2017 1:09:51 PM  
**Subject:** Re: Wall Street Journal comment request, re: science directives

I am fine with the very short and direct draft answers in bold below.

Sent from my iPhone

On Feb 4, 2017, at 10:16 PM, Grantham, Nancy <Grantham.Nancy@epa.gov> wrote:

Hi Doug and John,

Please see my suggested replies below .

Thanks ng

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**Sent:** Friday, February 03, 2017 11:34 AM  
**To:** Press <[Press@epa.gov](mailto:Press@epa.gov)>  
**Subject:** URGENT: Wall Street Journal comment request

Hi,

I'm a reporter and editor at the Wall Street Journal. I'm working on a story about groups of scientists, librarians and engineers organizing events to download data from federal databases, as there is some concern these public resources could be targeted under the new administration. The story focuses on their efforts and uses of the data.

Could you please comment on the following:

\* Have there been any new directives from the Trump administration about what information on the EPA website will remain and which will go?

No

\* Have there been any directives from the Trump administration to stop making EPA databases publicly available?

**No**

\* Have there been any indications from the Trump administration that funding to design, build, maintain, utilize or provide access to new or existing EPA databases will be cut?

**No**

\* Are EPA employees free to participate in organized data archiving events like the ones put on by EDGI or the Data Refuge project from the University of Pennsylvania?

**Presume yes – in their personal capacity.**

Best,

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**From:** Ericksen, Doug  
**Sent:** Mon 1/30/2017 12:52:17 PM  
**Subject:** RE: Monday Morning

I am in my office here in DC.

Don't leave for the West Coast until Tuesday night after work.

ericksen

**From:** Grantham, Nancy  
**Sent:** Monday, January 30, 2017 7:42 AM  
**To:** Ericksen, Doug <ericksen.doug@epa.gov>  
**Cc:** Benton, Donald <benton.donald@epa.gov>; Munoz, Charles <munoz.charles@epa.gov>  
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Good morning to you as well – and hope your travels and weekend went well.

I have not heard about the comms with Members of Congress issue – in fact our HQ intergovernmental and regional staff were been talking with Members and Governors' office all last week – in coordination with HQ .. and Layne – as would be our usual practice.

I think you are still in WA – Region 10 this week – so just let me know a good time to call you – have a couple of other questions/issues to discuss.

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**Subject:** Science Statement -- see below for what we are using ..thanks ng

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Attribute to EPA Transition Team Communications Lead Doug Ericksen.

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**Subject:** Important Guidance on Agency Communications - Effective Immediately

I just returned from a briefing for Communication Directors where the following information was provided. These restrictions are effective immediately and will remain in place until further direction is received from the new Administration's Beach Team. Please review this material and share with all appropriate individuals in your organization. If anyone on your staff receives a press inquiry of any kind, it must be referred to me so I can coordinate with the appropriate individuals in OPA.

- No press releases will be going out to external audiences.
- No social media will be going out. A Digital Strategist will be coming on board to oversee social media. Existing, individually controlled, social media accounts may become more centrally controlled.
- No blog messages.
- The Beach Team will review the list of upcoming webinars and decide which ones will go forward.
- Please send me a list of any external speaking engagements that are currently scheduled among any of your staff from today through February.
- Incoming media requests will be carefully screened.
- No new content can be placed on any website. Only do clean up where essential.
- List servers will be reviewed. Only send out critical messages, as messages can be shared broadly and end up in the press.

I will provide updates to this information as soon as I receive it. If you or any member of your staff has any questions about this guidance, please have them contact me at 202-564-4671. Thank you.

